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A. L. A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

October 1-31, 1920

REGULAR FUNDS**Receipts**

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance, October 1..... | \$2,326.10 |
| Membership and affiliation dues.... | 171.30 |
| Interest | 1.64 |
| | <u>\$2,499.04</u> |

Expenditures

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 875.00 |
| Additional service | 98.40 |
| Supplies | 68.94 |
| Postage, telephone, etc..... | 33.60 |
| Miscellaneous | 20.00 |
| Travel | 274.19 |
| Balance, October 31..... | 1,128.91 |
| | <u>\$2,499.04</u> |

PUBLISHING BOARD FUNDS**Receipts**

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance, October 1..... | \$ 490.33 |
| Sales of A. L. A. publications..... | 1,730.53 |
| | <u>\$2,220.86</u> |

Expenditures

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 624.99 |
| Printing of Booklist..... | 364.65 |
| Advertising | 55.50 |
| Express and postage..... | 93.18 |
| Supplies | 149.08 |
| Publications | 110.00 |
| Incidentals | 37.00 |
| Balance, October 31..... | 786.46 |
| | <u>\$2,220.86</u> |

WAR FUNDS**Receipts**

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1920 ¹ | \$203,358.89 |
| Interest, October | 4.20 |
| Interest coupons, October | 939.21 |
| Miscellaneous, October | 175.08 |
| Total | <u>\$204,477.38</u> |

Expenditures

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| Hospitals | \$ 5,002.85 |
| Books for Blind..... | 772.40 |
| Merchant marine..... | 6,026.31 |
| Paris, Coblenz and other overseas | 5,320.12 |
| Navy | 1,750.00 |
| Headquarters and gen- eral expenses | 21,056.39 ² |
| Total expenditures | <u>\$ 39,928.07</u> |
| Loss from sale of Lib- erty Bonds | 6,387.23 |
| Balance on hand—Cash..... | \$19,538.54 |
| Balance on hand—Lib- erty Bonds | 71,585.75 |
| Balance with Librarians and Agents | 67,037.79 ³ |
| Total | <u>\$204,477.38</u> |

¹During October, funds were transferred from American Security & Trust Co., Wash-

ington, D. C., to Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, Ill., and title changed from American Library Association, Second War Service Fund to American Library Association War Funds.

²Includes payments for books and periodicals not charged to special departments; also transfers to A. L. A. Headquarters in consideration of war service work performed at Headquarters.

³For purposes of bookkeeping, this is shown as a balance on hand. Actually, however, very little of it is returnable.

ENLARGED PROGRAM CAMPAIGN FUNDS**Receipts**

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash in Bank, October 1..... | \$21,575.04 |
| Interest | 33.15 |
| Refunds | 150.00 |
| Refunds | 119.99 |
| | <u>\$21,878.18</u> |

Expenditures

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Expenditures | \$ 1,353.58 |
| Advanced to field..... | 2,500.00 |
| Cash in Bank, October 31..... | 18,024.60 |
| | <u>\$21,878.18</u> |

Regional and State Directors Account

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| In hands of regional and state di- rectors and not reported spent Aug. 1 (Inc. N. Y. City, \$100).... | \$25,575.73 |
| Refunds, Aug. 1 to Oct. 1..... | 683.92 |
| | <u>\$24,891.81</u> |
| Advanced, Aug. 1 to Oct 1..... | 4,265.49 |

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|---|--------------------|
| In hands regional and state direc- tors and not reported spent Oct. 1..... | \$29,157.30 |
| Refunds—Cash and accountings, Oct. 1-31 | 1,896.97 |
| | <u>\$27,260.33</u> |
| Advanced Oct. 1-31..... | 2,500.00 |

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| In hands of regional and state di- rectors and not reported spent Nov. 1 | \$29,760.33 |
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BOOKS FOR EVERYBODY FUND

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Collections and pledges Nov. 1, 1920. | |
| Cash | \$32,915.11 |
| Pledges reported | 36,450.35 |
| | <u>\$69,365.46</u> |

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MORE MEMBERS IN 1921

More than 500 new members have joined the A. L. A. in 1920 and the Executive Board hopes that in 1921 all previous records will be broken.

There is much interest on the part of the members. One librarian sent in thirty new membership applications in one mail. At least two staffs of large libraries have practically a 100 per cent membership in the A. L. A., not counting apprentices.

The Board realizes that new members must come as the direct result of the interest and action of the present membership. It therefore asks every member of the A. L. A. to interest himself or herself in getting new members.

A little leaflet, "Why join the A. L. A.?" has just been printed; also a new membership application blank. Copies for distribution to staff and trustees will be sent on request.

A. L. A. COMMITTEES—ACTIVE OR INACTIVE?

Members of the A. L. A. who have not examined the Constitution and By-Laws, with relation to the committees, may be interested to know that the many committees now existing in the organization are chiefly created by resolution or otherwise, and that few of them are provided for in the By-Laws. One will find that in Section 11 of the Constitution it is provided that among the duties of the Executive Board is the one of appointing all "standing committees." This, I presume, might answer the inquiry as to what constitutes a "standing committee," if only there were some designation as to when a "special" becomes a "standing" committee. It would seem that special or temporary committees may be created otherwise, but when continued from year to year, it is evidently the duty of the Executive Board to give them official continuity. The Constitution also provides for the appointment of the Finance Committee (Section 12), and the Publishing Board (Section 18).

Other committees are provided for in the By-Laws, namely the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Board (Section 2), and a Nominating Committee appointed by the Council (Section 3). In the By-Laws, the Executive Board is specifically authorized to create the following committees: Program Committee (Section 5); Library Training (Section 6); Library Administration (Section 7); Resolutions (Section 8); and in Section 8a, provision is made for the President to appoint a special Committee on Sections.

It will be observed that there seems to be no general provision in the By-Laws for the creation of committees which are not definitely specified, and in view of the fact that new conditions are constantly arising which call for new committees, it seems very desirable that the By-Laws should be amended to provide a general statement regarding this. There also

seems to be a great need for a provision in the By-Laws regarding the duties of committees thus created, and also authorization for abolishing committees if they are inactive or the need for them has passed. It is now assumed that the Executive Board has such authority.

No task that comes to the President of the A. L. A. is more perplexing than the appointment of committees, and the committees are at a great disadvantage in not having their duties set forth in some way in the By-Laws, if they are to function from year to year with continuity in their work. This seems a serious omission, and probably accounts, in a large measure, for the fact that a number of committees have not been active as it takes a considerable period for a new committee chairman to formulate the duties of the committee.

Considerable criticism is made regarding the ineffectiveness of the A. L. A. committees. If a committee does not function, why should it be continued? If it does function, how can it be helped? There is, also, the important question of what results are really accomplished even by an *active* committee. While it may make investigations and present a report that is full of valuable information and suggestion, there seems to be no way to bring about the results which such report suggests; the usual result is, that a report is presented to the Annual Conference, it may or may not be printed, and that seems to be the end. While the Constitution is under revision, and there is a possibility of correcting fundamental difficulties regarding committees, might it not be well for this matter to be carefully considered in revising the By-Laws? Possibly one way might be for the Council to appoint a "*Committee on Committees*" to consider and report on the whole subject of standing committees.

Alice S. Tyler, President.

SALE, EXCHANGE, WANTS, OFFERS

Any library member of the Association may insert, without cost, a ten-line notice

of books or periodicals wanted, for sale or exchange.

WANTS

Brown University Library, Providence, R. I.

The Wireless Age, v. 3, nos. 2, 3, 10 and Index; v. 4, Index.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Reference Library, New York City.

Federal Reserve Bulletin for 1915, June (4 cop.), Aug. (4 cop.); 1916, Jan. (3 cop.), Sept. (2 cop.); 1917, Apr. (2 cop.), July (1 cop.); 1918, Mar. (2 cop.), July (1 cop.).

Janesville (Wis.) Public Library.

Firkins, I. T. Index to short stories. Wilson, 1915.

Lynn (Mass.) Public Library.

The Booklist, Oct. 1917, v. 14, no. 1. Engineering and Mining Journal, Jan. 3, 1920.

Omaha (Neb.) Public Library and Museum.

American Magazine of Art, Nov. 1919. Business Digest, Jan. 27, 1920; July 30, 1920. Everychild's Magazine, Oct. 1919. Forum, Dec. 1919; June 1920. Independent, Mar. 20, 1920. Ceramic Studio, Aug. 1919. Literary Digest, June 20, 1914. Munsey, Jan. 1920.

H. W. Wilson Company, 958-64 University Avenue, New York City.

Readers' Guide Supplement, v. 4, no. 4, Nov. 1916.

Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.

Official U. S. Bulletin, Jan. 20, 1919 (2 cop.); Dec. 5, 1918 (1 cop.).

FOR SALE

Superior (Wis.) Public Library.

Century Magazine, bound volumes, v. 1-17, inclusive (new ser.), being v. 23-39, inclusive (old ser.), Nov. 1881-Apr. 1890, inclusive.

Atlantic Monthly, v. 4, July-Dec., 1859.

OFFERS

St. Joseph (Mo.) Public Library.

The following magazines may be secured for expense of packing and shipping:

Blackwood's Magazine, v. 107-113, 115-116, 124-125, 127-128.

Electrical World, v. 49-54.

Knickerbocker Magazine, v. 37, 39-50.

Littrell's Living Age, v. 12-19.

Pan American Union Bulletin, 32-36.

Peterson's Magazine, v. 55-56, 59-66, 83-92, 99-100.

Publishers' Weekly, v. 71, 73-76.

Putnam's Magazine, v. 1-7.

A Message from the President

The American Library Association is our great professional organization. Without it library progress in this country would have been isolated, ineffective and sporadic. It has given us an understanding of each other's problems and a common and united power and influence in the world of books that would have been impossible without organization.

We are all, therefore, debtors to those who were far-seeing enough to recognize the need and who have through forty-four years maintained and developed this organization which has fostered the work of education through books and reading.

To the young library worker, the call of the A. L. A. is clear and insistent, for we need your enthusiasm, your optimism and your fearlessness. You have an inheritance of library ideals and library service created and fostered under difficulties, and a history of accomplishment you should cherish. The A. L. A. calls for your support in making a yet greater and more influential organization.

To the older and more experienced librarians who have not been identified with the A. L. A., we ask you to consider the professional value that a national association has and support it. More vital relationships since the splendid War Service record has been made and a larger organization will give added power and dignity to our future undertakings. There are large possibilities ahead in the opportunities that open up in making books vital factors in Americanization, in citizenship, in business and in personal development and culture.

The state association is essential. Through it the problems and opportunities that are distinctive in each state can be met with an understanding of conditions, more or less local, and a spirit of fellowship and united purpose can thus be developed. But the parent association,—the A. L. A.,—has a supreme service to render to the entire profession. It came into existence fourteen years before the first state library association was organized. Both are needed, and it has been a cherished hope of mine that adjustments might be made in the organization of the A. L. A. that would provide for a vital and organic connection between the A. L. A. and every state library association.

Presidents come and go, making a more or less meager contribution to the onward progress of librarianship, but the American Library Association, with a real purpose and as the embodiment of larger ideals of book service, must go on to greater and enlarging fields of usefulness. A larger membership will help. We must work for it.

Will you help to add several names to our membership list?

Faithfully yours,

ALICE S. TYLER, *President.*